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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION**

**BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, a Utah
non-profit educational institution; and DR.
DANIEL L. SIMMONS, an individual,**

Plaintiffs,

vs.

**PFIZER INC., a Delaware corporation; G.D.
SEARLE & COMPANY, a Delaware
corporation; G.D. SEARLE LLC, a Delaware
limited liability company; MONSANTO
COMPANY, a Delaware corporation; and
PHARMACIA CORPORATION, a Delaware
corporation,**

Defendants.

**DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO
EXCLUDE THE TESTIMONY OF
PLAINTIFFS' EXPERT VERN
NORVIEL**

Case No. 2:06cv00890

Judge: Honorable Ted Stewart

Magistrate Judge: Honorable Brooke C. Wells

Pursuant to Rules 104 and 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence and *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharm., Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579 (1993), Defendants Pfizer, Inc., G.D. Searle LLC, and Pharmacia Corporation (collectively “Defendants” or “Pfizer”¹) respectfully submit this Motion To Exclude The Testimony Of Plaintiffs’ Expert Vern Norviel.

Plaintiffs Brigham Young University and Dr. Simmons (“BYU”) may seek to offer at trial Mr. Vern Norviel – a U.S. patent attorney – as an expert witness on certain hypothetical patents that he drafted for purposes of this litigation. BYU may attempt to introduce Mr. Norviel’s opinion that the Research Agreement required the defendants to prepare U.S. and foreign applications similar to those he drafted, and that Defendants’ failure to do so was a breach of the Agreement. BYU contends that this alleged breach resulted in \$7 billion dollars of damages.

To support this extraordinary damages claim, BYU may seek to rely on Mr. Norviel’s opinion that his hypothetical patents would have been properly issued by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (“USPTO”) and various foreign patent offices, that they are valid, and that they would have been used (i.e., infringed) by others—including Monsanto, Merck, and every other company developing or selling COX-2 inhibitor drugs. However, as he conceded at his deposition, Mr. Norviel does not possess the technical knowledge of a person of ordinary skill in the relevant field of his hypothetical patents nor the qualifications to file and prosecute patents in any jurisdiction outside of the United States. Thus, as explained more fully in Defendants’ Memorandum filed concurrently herewith, Mr. Norviel’s technically baseless testimony would contravene the requirements for reliable expert testimony set forth in *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharm., Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579 (1993) and *Kumho Tire Co. v. Carmichael*, 526 U.S. 137 (1999).

¹ Defendants use the term “Pfizer” to refer to Pfizer and its predecessors in interest, including Monsanto Company, the signatory of the Research Agreement.

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